

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph [0015] with the following amended paragraph:

[0015] Referring to Figs. 1, 3, 7-8, the bumper brackets 20, 20', having a body 21, 21', a first end 22, 22', a second end 24, 24', a first lip 26, 26' positioned at the first end 22, 22' and depending from the body 21, 21', a second lip 28, 28' positioned at the second end 24, 24' and depending from the body 21, 21', and a third lip 33, 33' depending from the body 21, 21', are used to attach the bumper beam 12 to ~~the~~ a front axle 42 of the golf car 44. The first lip 26 of the bumper bracket 20 is bent as shown in phantom 23, 23' and has a hole 27 defined therein. The second lip 28 is bent as shown in phantom 25 and also has a hole 29 defined therein. The first bumper bracket 20 is affixed to the back surface 15 of the bumper beam 12 by aligning the hole 27 of the first lip 26 with the hole 18 adjacent the first end 14 of the bumper beam 12, and aligning the hole 27' of the first lip ~~26~~ 26' of the second bumper bracket 20' with the hole 18' adjacent the second end 16 of the bumper beam 12. A fastener 34 is passed through each of the aligned holes 27 and 18, and 27' and 18', i.e., each of the aligned holes 27 and 18, and 27' and 18' receives a fastener 34 therein to secure the bumper beam 12 to the bumper brackets 20, 20'.

Please replace paragraph [0016] with the following amended paragraph:

[0016] Referring to Figs. 1, 4, 7-8, the pair of bumper guards 30, 30' having depending ends that are bent as shown in phantom 17, 17' to define a bumper beam recess 31, 31', receive the front surface 13 of the bumper beam 12 in the bumper beam recess 31, as shown in Figs. 7-8. Figs 1 and 4 also show the ends 17, 17' in the unbent state. The bumper guards 30, 30' are affixed to the front surface 13 of the bumper beam 12 by aligning a square hole 32 of the first bumper guard 30 with the hole 18 adjacent the first end 14 of the bumper beam 12, and aligning the square hole 32' of the second bumper guard 30' with the hole 18' adjacent the second end 16 of the bumper beam 12. Respective fasteners 34 are passed through each of the aligned holes 32, 27 and 18, and 32', 27' and 18', i.e., each of the aligned holes 32, 27 and 18, and 32', 27' and 18' receives the fastener 34 therein, to further secure the

bumper beam 12 to the bumper brackets 20, 20'. Preferably, these fasteners 34 have a square cross-section shank portion that mates with the square holes 32, 32'.

Please replace paragraph [0017] with the following amended paragraph:

[0017] Referring to Figs. 1 and 5-8, the brackets 20, 20' include a pair of bottom mounting plates 36, 36', respectively, to secure the second end 24, 24' of the brackets 20, 20', respectively, to the front axle 42 of the golf car 44. The mounting plates 36, 36' are welded to the brackets 20, 20'. Each mounting plate 36, 36' has a first end 46, 46' and a second end 47, 47', said first end 46, 46' having a hole 38, 38' defined therein ~~38, 38'~~ and said second end 47, 47' having a hole 39, 39' defined therein. The hole 38 of the first end 46 of the first mounting plate 36 is aligned with the hole 29 defined in the second end 24 of the first bumper bracket 20, and the hole 38' of the first end 46' of the second mounting plate 36' is aligned with the hole 29' defined in the second end 24' of the second bumper bracket 20'. A fastener 34 is passed through each of the aligned holes 38 and 29, and 38' and 29', respectively, i.e., each of the aligned holes 38 and 29, and 38' and 29' receives a fastener 34 therein to secure the bumper brackets 20, 20' to the mounting plates 36, 36'. The holes 39, 39' of the second ends 47, 47' of the mounting plates 36, 36' are aligned with holes 43, 43' defined in the front axle 42 of the golf car 44 to affix the mounting plates 36, 36' to the front axle 42 of the golf car 44.

Please replace paragraph [0018] with the following amended paragraph:

[0018] The bumper assembly 10 can also include an ~~impact~~-impact-absorbing member 41 attached to the bumper beam 12, the bumper brackets 20, 20', and/or the bumper guards 30, 30', to absorb the impact during a collision. The absorbing member 41 can be made of an elastomeric material, such as foam, rubber, or the like. The body 21, 21' defines a bumper receiving recess R, R' defined by lips L, L' and the bent second lips ~~28 and 28'~~ 25 and 25' and mounting plates 36 and 36'.

Please replace paragraph [0019] with the following amended paragraph:

[0019] The present invention can be sold as a kit 11, as shown in Fig. 1. Alternatively, the bumper assembly 10 can be sold as a unit for attachment to the front axle 42 of a golf car 44. Finally, a golf car 44 can be manufactured with a bumper assembly 10 attached thereto. Preferably, eight fasteners 34 are provided with the kit 11, where one fastener 34 passes through holes 18, 32 and 29, and one fastener 34 passes through holes 18', 32' and 29'. Further, three fasteners 34 pass through holes 27, ~~36~~38 and 39 into the front axle 42, respectively, and three fasteners 34 pass through holes 27', ~~36'~~38' and 39' in the front axle 42, respectively.